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Riflescopes for Mountain Hunting

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HUNTING IN THE MOUNTAINS

- •A <u>riflescope</u> is a crucial piece of equipment;
- Good physical condition is required;
- •Hiking to the desired location and back usually takes hours.



GENERAL FEATURES OF RIFLESCOPES SUITABLE

FOR MOUNTAIN HUNTING

- •A light, compact chassis
- •40-50mm objective lens
- High maximum magnification (above 10x)
- Adjustable parallax setting
- Optionally available with a <u>BDC turret</u>



HUNTING RIFLESCOPES ON MOUNTAIN RIFLES

- •Minimizing weight is a key to success;
- •lightweight, compact rifles, designed to withstand adverse weather conditions;
- Popular choices short-barrel rifles
 and single-shot drop barrel rifles;
- •Blaser K95 Stutzen, Merkel K3 Stutzen popular European mountain hunting rifles.



ARE RIFLESCOPES FOR MOUNTAIN HUNTING SUITABLE FOR LONG-RANGE SHOOTING?

- •These riflescopes are designed for long-range shooting:
 - High maximum magnification power;
 - Adjustable parallax;
 - Optionally available with a BDC turret.
- Distances to the observed game in the mountains can be huge;
- •Shooting beyond 400 m is not in accordance with the principles of the ethical hunt.

RIFLESCOPES FOR MOUNTAIN HUNTING VS RIFLESCOPES FOR STALKING

<u>Riflescopes for mountain hunting</u>

- Compact and lightweight;
- •High maximum magnification range (above 10x)
- Adjustable parallax
- Designed for long-range shooting
- Often available with a BDC turret
- Not suitable for driven hunts

Riflescopes for stalking

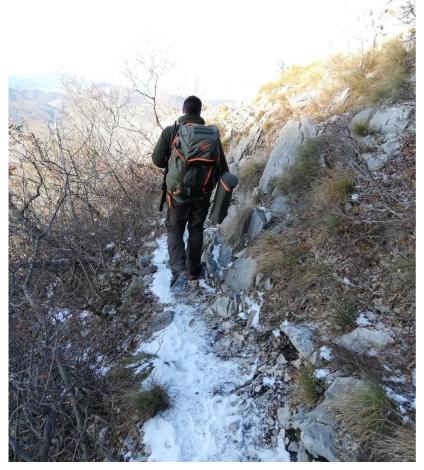
- Compact and lightweight;
- Lower maximum magnification range
- Fixed parallax
- Difficult to shoot at a target far away
- Scarcely offered with a BDC turret
- Suitable for driven hunts

ILLUMINATION IN RIFLESCOPES FOR MOUNTAIN HUNTING

- •Illumination is not an essential feature but many premium riflescopes feature it nevertheless;
- •Having a thin reticle is much more important (minimum coverage of the game even at a higher magnification)

BEST RIFLESCOPES FOR HUNTING IN THE MOUNTAINS

- •Swarovski
- Kahles
- Zeiss
- •Leica
- •<u>Leupold</u>
- Vortex, etc.



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